

O Magnum Mysterium

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d = 65

Soprano 1: *pp* O _____ Ma - gnum mys - ;
Soprano 2: *pp* O _____ Ma - gnum mys - ;
Alto: *pp* O _____ Ma - gnum mys - ;

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S 1: *p* ter - i - um, O Ma - ;
S 2: *p* ter - i - um O Ma - ;
A: *p* ter - i - um O Ma - ;

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S 1: *f* gnum Mys - ter - i - um et ad - mir - ra - bi - le
S 2: *f* gnum mys - ter - i - um ad - mir - ra - bi -
A: *f* gnum mys - ter - i - um

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S 1

S 2

A

mf

— sa - cra - men - tum
le, sa - cra - men - tum ut an - i - ma - li - a vi - der - ent
sa - cra - men - tum an - i - ma - li - a vi - der - ent

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S 1

S 2

A

f p f p f p

Dom - in - um na - tum, et ad - mi - ra - bi - le, sa - cra-men - tum, ut
Dom - in - um na - tum. ad - mi - ra - bi - le sac - ra-men - tum,
Dom - in - um na - tum, ad - mi - ra - bi - le,

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S 1

S 2

A

f f f f f f

an - ni - ma - li - a vi - der - ent Do - mi - num na - tum ja
Do - mi - num na - tum
Do - mi - num na - tum

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S 1 cen-tem in prae-sep - i - o! _____ ja cen-tem in

S 2 ja cen-tem in prae-sep - i - o! _____ prae -

A ja cen-tem in prae-sep - i - o! _____ prae -

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S 1 prae-sep - i - o! O - Ma - gnum

S 2 sep - i - o! O - - Ma - gnum

A sep - i - o! O - - Ma - gnum

67

S 1 mys - ter - i - um. Be - a - ta Vir - go! _____

S 2 mys - ter - i - um Be - a - ta Vir - go! _____

A mys - ter - i - um Be - a - ta Vir - go! _____

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S 1 cu - jus visc - er - a me - ru - er - unt, me - ru - er - ru - nt por -

S 2 cu - jus visc - er - a me - ru - er - unt por -

A me - ru - er - u - nt por -

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S 1 ta - re Do - mi - num Christ - um Dom - in - um Christ - um

S 2 ta - re Do - mi - num Christ - um Dom - in - um Christ - um

A ta - re Do - mi - num Christ - um Dom - in - um Christ - um

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S 1 Dom - in - um Christ - um, Al - le - lu - ia

S 2 Dom - in - um Christ - um, Al - le - lu - ia

A Dom - in - um Christ - um, Al - le - lu -

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S 1 *p* al - le - lu - ia. al - le, al - le - lu - *mf*

S 2 *p* Al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - *mf*

A *p* ia al - le - lu - ia *p*

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S 1 ia. al - le - lu - ia! *f* *pp*

S 2 ia al - le - lu - ia! O *f* *pp*

A *mf* al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia! O *f* *pp*

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S 1 *pp* O *p* Ma - gnum *f* mys - ter - i - um, *p* *f*

S 2 *p* Ma - gnum mys ter - i - um *f*

A *p* Ma - gnum mys - ter - i - um *f*

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S 1 ***p*** ***p*** ***p*** ***f***
 O. Ma - gnum Mys - ter - i -
 S 2 ***pp*** ***p*** ***f***
 O. Ma - gnum mys - ter - i -
 A ***pp*** ***p*** ***f***
 O. Ma - gnum mys - ter - i -

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S 1 ***mf***
 um Al - le lu ia, Al - le - -
 S 2 ***mf***
 um Al - le lu ia, Al - le - -
 A ***mf***
 um Al - - le - -

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S 1 ***ff***
 lu - ia, Al - le - -
 S 2 ***ff***
 lu - ia, Al - le lu - ia, Al - le
 A ***ff***
 lu - ia Al - le lu - ia, Al - le

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The musical score consists of three staves (S1, S2, A) in G major, 2/4 time. The vocal parts are as follows:

- S1:** Starts with a dotted half note, followed by a dotted quarter note, a dotted eighth note, a dotted quarter note, and a dotted half note. The lyrics are "lu - - ia!".
- S2:** Starts with a dotted half note, followed by a dotted quarter note, a dotted eighth note, a dotted quarter note, and a dotted half note. The lyrics are "lu - - ia!".
- A:** Starts with a dotted half note, followed by a dotted quarter note, a dotted eighth note, a dotted quarter note, and a dotted half note. The lyrics are "lu - - ia!".

After the first measure, each staff has a long horizontal line under it, indicating a sustained note or a repeat. The lyrics "lu - - ia!" are repeated, and the vocal part ends with a sustained note labeled "g:".

There are many musical settings of this Latin text which celebrates the fact that animals were present at the birth of Jesus Christ.

Latin text:

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
iacentem in praesepio!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum.
Alleluia!

English translation:

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Phonetic pronunciation:

Oooh marn-yoom mis-stair-ee-oom,
et ard-meer-rar-bee-lay sar-crah-men-toom,
oot ar-nie-mar-lee-ah vee-dare-rent, doe-mee-noom nar-toom,
yar-chen-tem een preh-sep-ee-oh,
bay-yar-tar veer-go coo-yoos vee-shay-rar
may-roo-air-roont poor-tar-ray
doe-meen-oom krees-toom
ah-lay-loo-yar.